

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
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STRATEGIC RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2015
AT GEDLING BOROUGH COUNCIL, ARNOT HILL PARK, ARNOLD
NOTTINGHAM
NG5 6LU
COMMENCING AT 12 NOON

MEMBERSHIP

(A – denotes absence)

Paddy Tipping – Police and Crime Commissioner
Chris Cutland – Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
Kevin Dennis – Chief Executive, OPCC
Charlie Radford – Chief Finance Officer, OPCC
Paul Dawkins – Assistant Chief Officer, Finance
Chris Eyre – Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police
Sue Fish – Deputy Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police
A Simon Torr – Assistant Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police

OTHERS PRESENT

Pete Barker – Democratic Services, Notts County Council
Paul Burrows – Superintendent, Nottinghamshire Police

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2015

Agreed

STOP AND SEARCH – THE JOURNEY SINCE 2012

Superintendent Paul Burrows presented the report and informed members that the Force's approach was based on intelligence which had played its part in reducing the numbers of those stopped and searched. The Scrutiny Board also played a role in developing policy in this area, most recently in the use of body-worn video.

During discussion the following points were raised:

- The Commissioner asked whether the membership of the Scrutiny Board was constant and Inspector Burrows explained that there were a core group of 10

members which meant that repeated conversations were avoided. Nearly all the members were professionals providing a high level of scrutiny with the minutes of meetings published on the Force's website.

- The Commissioner referred to the Met's view where the increase in knife crime had been linked to a decrease in the use of stop and search and wondered whether that view was shared in Nottinghamshire. Inspector Burrows replied that there might be a link but reiterated that the approach in Nottinghamshire was focussed and intelligence led. The Deputy Chief Constable stated that while knife crime in London may well be on the increase the officers there did not receive the support and resources available to the Notts Force which included the use of the mobile data app and several phases of training.
- The Commissioner asked about the use of body-worn video and that young people he had met had spoken of not being treated with respect when stopped. Inspector Burrows said that the roll out of the equipment had started and the feedback to date had been good. It was felt that the introduction of the equipment was a positive step which would affect the behaviour of both officers and those being stopped. The Data Commissioner had been approached and asked whether it would be possible for footage to be shown to members of the Scrutiny Board. The assumption is that all stop and search incidents will be recorded.
- The Deputy Commissioner welcomed the report and asked whether, despite the low number of complaints, any learning had taken place. Inspector Burrows replied that because of the low number of complaints all of them were taken to the Scrutiny Board. To date no actions had arisen but the data was constantly being reviewed and work was being undertaken with young people to help them understand the complaints procedure and give them the confidence to complain.
- The Commissioner thanked Inspector Burrows personally for his work in this area and asked that his thanks and appreciation be passed on to Inspector Burrows' colleagues.

RESOLVED 2015/028

That the contents of the report and appendix be noted.

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN (2015-18) – 6 MONTH MONITORING REPORT

Kevin Dennis introduced the report and confirmed to members that it was the same report as previously presented to the Police and Crime Panel.

During discussions the following points were raised:

- The use of the red/green/amber categories gave a sense of direction and were a value judgement and Kevin confirmed that the OPCC attempted to be fair and unbiased in these judgements. The Chief Constable compared the current situation favourably to the time when the Police Authority existed and long conversations would take place over the definitions. He felt the current system worked as long as deadlines were not extended just to retain a green classification.

RESOLVED 2015/029

That the report be noted.

PERFORMANCE AND INSIGHT REPORT

The Deputy Chief Constable introduced the report and informed members that though all crime was increasing this was mainly down to the changes in recording practices and the Force was the only one outperforming the core cities target. The Force was also performing well in the areas of burglary and robbery. The HMIC was to commence unexpected visits but the Deputy Chief Constable was confident that the Force would be compliant in the vast majority of cases. Knife crime had been made a priority in the City, the plan had been revitalised and the work with the CDP was focussing on prevention. The reporting of sexual offences followed the upward national trend and the Deputy Chief Constable explained that the post-Saville effect was still exerting an influence. The Force had received positive feedback from the HMIC for its work in this area but the volume and complexity of the cases continued to pose a challenge. ASB offences were reducing. There was a seasonal influence here, with more offences occurring in summer, but this year there had been a reduction which suggested that the preventative partnership work was having a positive effect. The Deputy Chief Constable also informed members that the number of those killed or seriously injured in RTAs was reducing, partly as a result of the speed and safety awareness courses being run throughout the county by the safety partnership.

During discussions the following points were raised:

- The Commissioner referred to a recent HMIC report on the subject of rape which stated that the reporting of rape was on the increase but that successful prosecutions were very low. The report had specifically mentioned the Notts Force in this regard. The Chief Constable replied that he had already looked into the matter and was satisfied that the 'DASH' process was being applied correctly. There were many historical cases which could be problematic as though the numbers were increasing this was not being translated into convictions, partly because victims were not always willing to pursue a prosecution. In such cases the Force still provided support to victims. There was also the fact that such cases could take a long time to come to court so that there was a time lag in offences being reported and the case being solved.
- The Deputy Commissioner asked what work was being carried out in order to reduce the incidence of repeat offences of domestic violence. The Chief Constable replied that the Force had concentrated on early intervention but

that this approach did not appear to be working. The Force had done as much work as any Force in the country in this area and confirmed that that commitment would continue. The Chief Constable explained that these problems were long term and though policing had a place the role of social care was also important.

RESOLVED 2015/030

That the contents of the report and the appendix be noted.

FINANCE PERFORMANCE AND INSIGHT REPORT

Paul Dawkins introduced the report and informed members that expenditure to date was £2.7m worse than budget.

During discussion the following points were raised:

- The Commissioner asked whether he could believe in the budget as this was not the first time that such a scenario had occurred. The Commissioner asked whether this was a result of staff turnover and queried if there were sufficient resources in this area. Paul Dawkins replied that there were not sufficient resources and although the team was very good it did require help. Paul was confident personnel could be bolstered through the use of the strategic alliance. Work had begun on next year's budget and the aim was to put the medium term financial strategy on a firmer footing. The Commissioner was keen that a best option would be adopted rather than a low cost option. Paul agreed and felt that knowing the staff involved this could be achieved. The Chief Constable confirmed that the plans in the current financial year exceeded the budget and that next year expenditure would need to align with the budget. Tough decisions were required this financial year and next financial year and the Force would try to minimise any overspend in the current year.

RESOLVED 2015/031

That the contents of the report and the appendix be noted.

WORK PROGRAMME

Kevin Dennis introduced the report which provided a programme of work and timetable of meetings for the Strategic Resources and Performance meeting. Kevin felt that the agenda for the next meeting due in January was potentially over ambitious and would need to be revisited.

RESOLVED 2015/032

That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.51pm

CHAIR